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SUBJECT: AUTEC AGREEMENT (TIAS 5441)/DRAFT FACILITIES

AGREEMENT

FOLLOWINGIS REPEAT OF NASSAU 1141, JUNE 25, 1974:

1."PARA (3) OF ART XV OF THE AUTEC AGREEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES THE USE OF AIRFIELDS IN THE BAHAMAS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT FACILITIES AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME ARTICLE BUT RATHER REWRITTEN AND INCLUDED IN THE ARTICLE, GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS. THE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS ARTICLE ADDRESSES RIGHTS ONLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO SITES, SEABED AND ADJACENT AIRSPACE. OTHER THAN REFERRING TO THE D;AFT OPERATING RIGHTS, THERE IS NO APPARENT PROVISION WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION FLIGHTS FROM THE SITES TO OTHER AIRFIELDS IN THE BAHAMAS.

2. AT PRESENT, AUTEC RUNS AT LEAST FOUR SCHEDULED R & R FLIGHTS TO NASSAU EACH WEEK WITH PERIODIC NONSCHEDULED LOGISTIC FLIGHTS. THIS USE OF NASSAU INTERNATIONAL IS AUTHORIZED BY PARA 3 OF THE ART XV OF THE AUTEC AGREEMENT. THE QUESTION WHICH HAS RECENTLY SURFACED IS WHETHER THE MORE RESTRICTIVE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT FACILITIES AGREEMENT WILL MAKE THE AUTEC AIRCRAFT SUBJECT TO LANDING FEES WHEN USING ANY BAHAMIAN AIRFIELD EXCLUSIVE OF A SITE, I.E. NASSAU INTERNATIONAL.

3. IF ADDRESSEES AGREE THAT THE WORDING OF THE DRAFT UNCLASSIFIED

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FACILITIES AGREEMENT WILL SUBJECT THE AUTEC AIRCRAFT TO
LANDING FEES WHEN USING NASSAU INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD,
THEN ORIGINATOR SUGGESTS INCLUDING PARA 3 OF ART XV OF
THE AUTEC AGREEMENT IN THE SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION ARTICLE
OF THE DRAFT FACILITIES AGREEMENT NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE
GCOB.

4. THE ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS AN ATTEMPT TO NIT
PICK THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BUT RATHER AN EFFORT TO BRING
TO LIGHT LOCAL OPERATIONS THE DRAFTERS OF THE FACILITIES
AGREEMENT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF. KISSINGER

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